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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
TO NOVEMBER 1, 2002, OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action of November 1, 2002. In that Office Action, a three month shortened statutory period was set for response, and this Amendment is therefore timely. If it is determined, however, that any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this Amendment, authorization is hereby given to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955. Furthermore, applicants request that any subsequently filed reply requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission be treated as if it incorporated such petition for an extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) and hereby authorize that any fees due in connection therewith be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

In the Disclosure

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b), please amend the application disclosure as follows (the marked up version of the previous version of the paragraph follows the Remarks).

Paragraph on page 2, line 29 to page 3, line 5, please amend as follows:

--An apparatus of this kind for the propellant-free administration of a metered amount of a liquid pharmaceutical composition for inhalation is described in detail, for example, in International Patent Application WO 91/14468 entitled "Atomizing Device and Methods" ("the Weston Nebulizer") and also in WO 97/12687 ("the Jaeger Nebulizer A"), cf. Figures 6a and 6b ("the Jaeger Nebulizer B") and the accompanying description. In a nebulizer of this